



## Somaliland Mission, USA

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December 23, 2022

The Honorable Christopher Smith  
United States House of Representatives  
2373 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Smith:

On behalf of the Government of Somaliland, I am writing to express our sincere thanks for your continued leadership in support of Somaliland in the U.S. House of Representatives. In particular, we are extremely grateful for your introduction of an amendment to the House National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 supporting increased partnership between the U.S. and Somaliland. Your amendment served as the foundation for the inclusion of a historic provision in the conferenced NDAA referencing Somaliland that will undoubtedly increase opportunities for coordination between our two governments in the future.

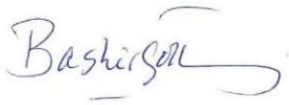
I would also like to thank you for your consistent acknowledgement of and advocacy for U.S. engagement with Somaliland during hearings held by the House Foreign Affairs Committee and in other public and private forums. Your remarks have drawn attention to the unique challenges that Somaliland faces as an unrecognized state and shed light on our relentless pursuit of democracy, security, and economic opportunity to create a better future for our citizens.

Looking ahead, my government remains optimistic about the prospects for greater cooperation between the U.S. and Somaliland as we continue to navigate our shared objectives, both in the Horn of Africa and beyond. The exploration of current support and opportunities for future engagement required by the NDAA represents just the first step in what we hope will become a long and fruitful partnership between our two governments.

As a leading voice on matters of relevance to Africa and a friend of Somaliland, our government and people are proud to have your continued support. I look forward to welcoming you to Somaliland at your earliest convenience and to our continued collaboration in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress and beyond.

Thank you very much again.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bashir Goth", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Bashir Goth  
Somaliland Representative to the USA

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